

RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Thursday 18 October 2018

Venue: Cercle de Lorraine, Place Poelaert 6, 1000 Brussels

8:30-9:00 *Registration and coffee*

9:00-9:30 *Plenary: Welcoming and opening remarks*

- Points to retain from day 1 and introduction to parallel workshops with ETTG rapporteurs
 - James Mackie, Director of ECDPM (member of ETTG)
 - Sébastien Treyer, Director of Programmes at IDDRI (member of ETTG)

9:30-10:30 *Plenary: Innovating the Africa-Europe partnership*

- Chairperson: Geert Laporte, Deputy Director at ECDPM (member of ETTG)
- Birgitte Nygaard Markussen, Managing Director Africa at the European External Action Service
- Claus Sørensen, former Director-General at DG ECHO
- Celine Fabrequette, Head Project Manager at ADYFE
- Mirjam Blaak, Ambassador of Uganda to the EU and Benelux

10:30-10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45-13:00 *Parallel workshops: The European contribution to addressing global challenges*

(3-4 groups of 20-30 participants)

Themes:

1. **Globalisation and inequality: Harnessing trade and technology for development**
2. **The sustainability revolution: How can the EU sustain the momentum for 'transforming our world'?**
3. **Fragility, peace and development in sub-Saharan Africa: The missing nexus**
4. **Normative power and fortress Europe: Reconciling EU values and migration policy**

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:30 *Closing panel: Recommendations for the next Commission and Parliament*

- Moderator: Giulia Maci, ETTG Coordinator
- Discussing workshop outputs with ETTG directors
- Closing words by Simon Maxwell, ETTG Chairperson

The members of the European Think Tanks Group (ETTG)